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RADICAL AMENDMENTS NEEDED.

On the threshold of her certain and justifiable expansion, as a center of commercial activity and importance, Astoria must face a given condition that merits instant official attention and amendment, namely, the readjustment and final determination of the surveys and the lines governing the original plats and subsequent additions, constituting her municipal territory. That there are numerous conflicts and known divergencies now existing, goes without saying; and the time is exceedingly propitious for the re-establishment of these basic phases of realty and the titles and equities resting thereon, both public and private, since the ambiguities involve the streets and other popular reservations, as well individual interests. The office of every civil engineer in the city, and the court records of the county, contain evidences in substantiation of these conditions, and the future security of the present holders, as well as that of the people to come here as investors, justifies the amplest and surest steps that can be taken, under the most assured auspices and guaranty, to perfect the whole scope of property involved.

How this shall be done is a matter for future, though, nearly immediate decision, but it cannot be done with complete satisfaction to all concerned, without the official sanction and certification of the municipality, and it is to be hoped the matter will receive very careful review when it reaches the Council, as it will very shortly. It is a large question and one that touches the essential life and progress of Astoria; and yet it is susceptible of ready and effectual treatment and need not take undue time in its adjustment. It bears upon all alike and should be considered as a city matter not relegated to any particular group in interest to be neglected or forgotten. This is just a hint!

NEW PHASE OF FISHING.

We shall be glad to see the efforts of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to establish a deep-sea fishery here entirely successful, as we believe such a departure has an immense future before it, considering the variety and volume of marketable fishes known to swarm in the blue waters of the Pacific off this river and coast.

The business will certainly have a magnificent advantage over that conducted on the North Atlantic by way weather conditions and their duration, bad and good. It is a noble calling, and has its well-defined measure of profit, and all sorts of inducements for its establishment.

An ocean fleet of boats manned by the hardy and skillful men who have been trained to their work on the quieter waters on the hither side of the Columbia bar, will not be long in materializing, and there is no estimating the scope of the business they might build up with speed and success. At all events the enterprise is worth the attention and support of the host of men engaged in that line in and around Astoria if they undertake it, we wish them the biggest and richest returns on their outlay of money and courage. For surely the emoluments of such an industry should be commensurate with the well known per centages of risk inseparable from the venture.

TO HENEYZE OREGON.

Francis J. Heney, the federal prosecutor, who has succeeded in convicting and punishing more thieves than any other man in the history of the west, has said that he will be in Oregon to take up the work anew and carry it to a finality, purging the courts of every pending case now docketed. This is gruesome news for certain individuals who had hoped the time-limits of the code were to operate in their favor and secure immunity

from actual trial and almost certain punishment for if he keeps his word, he will make it decidedly hot for the most of them.

His round of successes in San Francisco has revitalized the man and made him even more invincible than he was according to those who have been in intimate touch with him lately, and it is claimed he will make a powerful and brilliant crusade when he shall open up again, and that he is equipped with a mass of incontestable testimony that is simply overwhelming. He has promised to absolutely clean up the docket of this district this time, and it is known, pretty generally, that he is a man of his word.

POOR SCHMITZ!

Eugene Schmitz, the felon ex-mayor of San Francisco, now gaoling through a network of steel bars at the world he has misused, utters the, to him, significant hope that the Labor Union party of San Francisco will be successful at the coming polls; such hope being bolstered by the further hope that the party once again in power, will see to it that he is freed from durance and placed upon a newer pedestal of place and influence. If such a hope can be wrought into realization in the city that has suffered so much at this man's hands, then were San Francisco well served with another and worse disaster than befell her on the 18th of April, 1906 for if such men and such influences are to remain per-eminent, and predominant, there, her abandonment and utter negation as a home and mart for the honest people of today can be but a matter of brief time. To our thinking, his calculations constitute a desperate and distinct insult to organized labor, there, and everywhere else!

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GROWS RAILROAD TIES.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad has gone into tree growing in order to provide for its future supply of cross ties. The Santa Fe has adopted the eucalyptus as the most suitable species for the purposes, because of its rapid growth, great density and durability, and is now planting 700 acres in a ranch of 9,000 acres in southern California to eucalyptus seedlings, with the intention of repeating this amount of acreage each succeeding year for a total of twelve years or more, when it will have planted several thousand acres. The seedlings—which are sprouted in boxes to the number of 100 to the box, and stored in "lath houses" until they are three or four inches high, at which time they are three or four months old—are set in rows eight feet apart, at a distance in the rows from each other of five feet. Their cultivation after that for three or four years is thorough, but simple enough, and includes their watering two or three times a year. Thereafter the plants are expected to take care of themselves, although in the course of time, they require thinning out, which is accomplished by cutting out every other one so that they stand ten feet apart in the rows. The young saplings thus removed make excellent fence posts, and hence no loss befalls their taking away. The remaining young trees, numbering about 550 to the acre, will, at the end of fifteen years of growth, each yield six ties, it is calculated, or some 3300 ties to the acre. These ties will be cut from 700 acres of the big orchard each year, after fifteen years from the first planting, with the result of obtaining more than 2,250,000 ties per annum; and, seeing that the rate of removal will be exactly equal to the rate of planting, the same total acreage will, theoretically at least, maintain the same annual supply of ties to the end of time. The cost per cultivator tie is far and away below that of ties of the best quality, such as white oak, now bought on the market.

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EDITORIAL SALAD.

Mr. Lantry complains that Mr. Murphy is violating the basic principle of Tammany. If a Tammany boss should be accused of working for his own pocket only part of the time there ought to be a bill of particulars filed.

The Governor-General at Odessa proclaims that excesses will not be tolerated. In the matter of massacres, Russian officials are doubtless already amazed at their moderation.

It is all right for Michigan or any other state to instruct its delegates now if it is afraid they will forget.

Bill Ward says: "Jumping at conclusions often brings the jumper to grief."

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NATIONAL FORESTS

Progress of the Country is Made by Aid of Forests.

POOR QUALITIES NOW USED

Timber Has Been so Depleted in Some Sections That Lumber Once Despised is Now Considered Merchantable—Timber Now Purchased from Nation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—A point in the industrial progress of the United States has now been reached where development of the country is made, not in the face of the forest but with its essential aid. The old process of exhausting the supply of timber in a region and then seeking new fields is practically over. Already the lumber industry is turning back on its tracks. A quality of timber is eagerly sought in the Lake States which a few years ago was ignored as utterly worthless, and in the South the whole pine region is being gone over in a close search for the old field pine, a tree once despised but now bought up at prices much higher than those formerly paid for the magnificent timber of the virgin forests.

A publication just issued by the Department of Agriculture, entitled "National Forests and the Lumber Supply," defines the important part which the National Forests are destined to play in the economic development of the country. Abuses have grown up under the laws which provide for the disposition of public land, notably the segregation of large holdings of timberland for speculative purposes. Timber from the National Forests is now purchased by the thousand board feet, and payment is made upon the actual sale of the logs when cut. Two dollars and a half per thousand feet is comparatively low as present charges go, but since the cut ranges from 5,000 to 20,000 feet per acre, the Government receives from five to twenty times as much for the timber as it did under the stone and timber act.

Public opinion now demands, not that the Government should dispose of its remaining timberlands as rapidly as possible and leave it to private enterprise to exploit the forest hastily, but that what remains of the National Forest should be more conservatively used. The Government has been forced into the lumber business solely in order that a supply of forest products may be guaranteed to future generations.

Probably 65 per cent of the total stand of merchantable timber within the Forests is located on the Pacific Coast, where for a long time the enormous supply of privately owned timber will supply most of the demand. This more accessible private timber surrounded the forests as the meat of an apple surrounds the core. It has been entirely eaten away in many places, while in others it is locked up by speculators. The thing to remember, then, is that this immense body of public timber is there as a great reserve against the time when private timberlands will be depleted, and for use as a weapon against monopoly.

The first effect of National Forests upon prices, especially where there is still a great deal of available timber, is to raise the price of outside stumpage toward its actual value by withdrawing the excess of low-priced timber from the market. But later, as the supply of timber dwindles and prices are forced upward by speculative holdings, the effect of the Forests will be to check the advance of prices.

In the virgin forest, growth is just about balanced by decay. In the western forests, however, natural deterioration is greatly augmented by forest fires. The fires usually do most harm by damaging merchantable timber, but, great as this injury is, vastly more actual loss in forest wealth results from the yearly burning over of the grass and

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